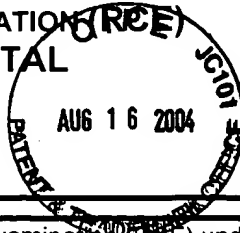


**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application No.	09/333,379
Filing Date	June 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	LeRoy G. Hagenbuch
Group Art Unit	3612
Examiner Name	Eduardo Garcia-Otero
Attorney Docket No	189405

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Form PTO-1449
- v. ☒ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
- vi. ☐ Other:

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$385.00 (small entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$385.00
- ii. ☒ Three-month extension of time fee of \$475.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$475.00
- iii. ☐ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted above, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- iv. ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))
- v. ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment Transmittal including extra claim charges.

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02 FC:2253 475.00 DA

**Total amount to be charged to Deposit Account \$860.00**

- b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal is, on the date indicated below, ☒ being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or ☐ being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Name (Print/Type)	Susan Matz	Date	August 10, 2004
Signature	<i>Susan Matz</i>		